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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT PRIORITY

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ABIDJAN FOR GAO O'CARROLL; FRANKFURT FOR GAO BROGAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AGAO, NG

SUBJECT:PERSONNEL EMBARGO

REF: NIAMEY 2341

1. GAO INSISTS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE FINAL REPORT WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS UNTIL JANUARY, THEY CANNOT POSTPONE THEIR VISIT TO NIAMEY UNTIL JULY 15. THEY SUGGEST, INSTEAD, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES.

A) O'CARROLL, WHO IS NOW IN ABIDJAN, WILL ARRIVE IN NIAMEY AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 29 AND MAKE ALL NECESSARY ADVANCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE TEAM'S EXAMINATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOUR PROJECTS, INCLUDING HOTEL RESERVATIONS, RENTAL OF TRANSPORTATION, ETC. TWO OTHER TEAM MEMBERS WOULD ARRIVE JUNE 5. WHOLE TEAM WOULD DEPART NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 23.

B) O'CARROLL WOULD ARRIVE NIAMEY FROM ABIDJAN JUNE 5 AND MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE

OTHER TWO TEAM MEMBERS ON JUNE 12. TEAM WOULD PLAN TO SPEND MAXIMUM OF FOUR WEEKS IN NIGER AND THUS WOULD DEPART NO LATER THAN JULY 10.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THE POST ACCEPT ONE OF THE ABOVE ALTERNATIVES IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE GAO TO COMPLETE ITS EXAMINATION OF SOME COMPONENTS OF THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

3. IN REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE, YOU SHOULD DETAIL WAYS IN WHICH TEAM CAN MINIMIZE THE BURDEN IT WILL PLACE ON THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION IN NIAMEY. FOR INSTANCE, THE TEAM PLANS TO RENT CARS OR OTHER VEHICLES FOR TRAVEL WITHIN AND OUTSIDE NIAMEY. THE TEAM WILL CARRY TRAVELLERS CHECKS AND THUS NOT BURDEN EMBASSY CHECK CASHING FACILITIES.

4. IF IT WOULD HELP RELIEVE YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN, WE ARE PREPARED TO DEFER THE VISIT OF THE FORESTRY TEAM NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST. PLEASE INFO ABIDJAN AND FRANKFURT.

6. FOR FRANKFURT-BAO/EB. PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, HOLD MCGINLEY IN FRANKFURT.
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